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E.O. 12065: GDS 9/14/85 (PRYCE, WILLIAM T.) OR-P
TAGS: PINR, OVIP (LOPEZ PORTILLO)
SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC DATA UPDATE ON PRESS DIRECTORS
IN JLP PARTY

REF: STATE 231329

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. THE FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON PRESS
DIRECTORS INCLUDED IN JLP PARTY TO WASHINGTON ON SEPT 28.
3. FERNANDO GARZA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INFORMATION AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.
FERNANDO GARZA IS AN EXPERIENCED NEWSPAPER MANAGER WHO
HAS SERVED AS PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY SINCE THE
LOPEZ MATEOS ADMINISTRATION. AS OF SEPTEMBER 5, HE IS
ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT DAILY EL NACIONAL,"
REPLACING LUIS FARIAS, WHO BECAME MAJORITY LEADER OF THE
CHAMBER OF FEDERAL DEPUTIES. GARZA HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN
DIRECTOR OF "EL NACIONAL" REFORM OCTOBER, 1975 TO AUGUST,
1977. REGARDED AS VERY COMPETENT BY PRESS COLLEAGUES,
GARZA IS BELIEVED TO ENJOY THE CONFIDENCE OF LOPEZ
PORTILLO.

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4. GUSTAVO IRUEGAS, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PRESS
AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, SRE.

GUSTAVO IRUEGAS ENTERED HIS OFFICE IN LATE MAY, 1979
WHEN JORGE CASTANEDA REPLACED SANTIAGO ROEL AS
SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS AND REORGANIZED THE SRE.

IRUEGAS IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT, RATHER THAN A JOURNALIST.
HE IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ANY PREVIOUS PRESS EXPERIENCE. HE
LAST SERVED AS DCM IN MEXICO'S EMBASSY IN NICARAGUA.
DURING THE MID-70S HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE MEXICAN EMBASSY
IN CUBA.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY
WILL FOLLOW. (DRAFTED: JUNE E. HEIL) LUCEY

NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH MR. TURK, S/S-O.

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